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Reference on Budapest Radio

REF : Memorandum from Acting Chief, London Bureau, dated 26 July 1956,  
same subject.

1. Exchange of correspondence with United States Information Agency confirms that the interference with Budapest I noted by BBC is due to the "Luxembourg Effect" and is attributable to the VOA megawatt transmitter on 173 kcs. The "Luxembourg Effect," which is described in length in the attachment to this letter, is not subject to manipulation. The sole remedies should appear to be to move the VOA transmitter to a radically different frequency or to a different location, or to discontinue the VOA evening transmission, which is "naturally out of the question" as USIA puts it.
2. The interference caused to Budapest II by the AFN Frankfurt station would again involve frequency change by the AFN transmitter and no effort to bring this about is contemplated. What would appear to be the most important material on Budapest II, namely the periods when Budapest I material is relayed, falls within the morning hours. It is our understanding that Budapest I is satisfactorily received in London during this period.
3. You may inform the BBC of these circumstances and express our regret that there is apparently nothing which can be done here to remedy this situation.

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Attachment:

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